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Reporting Medicare Secondary Payer Information on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 X12N 837 Created Via the Free Billing Software

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All providers who use free billing (or low cost) software from Medicare for HIPAA 837

Key Points

- All providers who use free (or low cost) billing software from Medicare for HIPAA 837 must receive a MSP related software upgrade from their:
    - Carrier;
    - Durable medical equipment regional carrier; or
    - Intermediary.
- Changes included in the updated software will be required for electronic submission of claims when there is one primary payer to Medicare.
- HIPAA 837 does not accommodate the data Medicare needs when there is more than one primary payer.
- All providers who use the billing software supplied by a Medicare carrier or intermediary should obtain the required software upgrade after October 4, 2004.

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